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1 going to come to me and ask that charges be filed
2 against Troy German.

3 And I said, "Okay, you feel so strongly about
4 this," I said, "have it investigated. You -- you make a
5 report, you give your statement to your investigators,
6 they follow up, they pursue, they get video from
7 wherever it was that you guys were meeting at, whatever
8 they can get to corroborate the things that you have
9 alleged here against Troy German, and you have them
10 bring it to me and I -- you have -- you have my pledge
11 on this: If, in fact, after reviewing that
12 investigation, if I believe that Troy German blackmailed
13 you, I will file charges on him."

14 And he said, "Well, who are we going to get to
15 do that?" And I said, "I don't know." And he said,
16 "Well, we can't let the Highway -- we can't let the OSBI
17 do it because of Ricky Adams."

18 Q Who is Ricky Adams?

19 A Ricky Adams is the former Chief of the Highway
20 Patrol that had been fairly unceremoniously forced out
21 and -- and was then director of -- and still is director
22 of the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation.

23 Q Is it common, when there may be a conflict or
24 an investigation involving a member of a law enforcement
25 agency, for the OSBI to conduct the investigation?

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1 A It's not uncommon. It's not uncommon. And --
2 and I said, "Well, listen, I have -- I have faith in
3 Ricky Adams and I have faith in the OSBI. You know, no
4 matter what happened that -- that led to Chief Harrell
5 being here, being the Chief of the Highway Patrol and
6 Ricky Adams having to leave the Highway Patrol and being
7 director of OSBI, I -- I've got faith to believe that
8 the OSBI will do a -- a -- an objective investigation
9 and everything." And I said, "But -- okay, if you've
10 got concerns about that" -- I said, "Listen your Troop
11 Z, most of them are top -- top notch." That's the
12 investigative arm of the Highway Patrol, Troop Z.

13 I said, "I've had good relationships with
14 those guys, no matter who's been in there. You know,
15 throughout the years, there's been a number of people in
16 and out. I don't even have a problem with Troop Z
17 investigating these allegations that you have against
18 Troy German. They've done internal investigations
19 before, that I've been involved in, and I -- I could
20 rely on those, I felt like they were well done. They've
21 done criminal investigations on troopers, they -- I can
22 rely on those, they've been well done.

23 "So, even though you're the alleged victim in
24 this case, I have no problem with you having your own
25 Troop Z investigate this. And when they completely

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1 really, it wasn't very nice.

2 Q Okay. Now, subsequent to the December 11
3 meeting, have you reviewed any evidence of -- that
4 supported the charges that were eventually filed against
5 Mr. German?

6 A I don't recall seeing anything.

7 Q Have you seen the investigation that was
8 completed by Troop Z?

9 A No, sir.

10 Q Have you seen any of the transcripts from the
11 grand jury proceeding?

12 A No, sir.

13 Q Okay. Have you -- have you been provided or
14 seen a -- the interview that -- that was taken of
15 Mr. German?

16 A Regard- --

17 Q In the investigation.

18 A No, sir.

19 Q Okay. And you don't know if Mr. German made
20 any -- any sort of admissions or confessions in that --
21 in that interview, that would support the -- the
22 criminal charges?

23 A No, sir.

24 Q Okay. Now, I believe you discussed before
25 that -- that you were -- that Mr. Rhoades never came